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SUBJECT: LIBYAN STUDENT PROGRAM AND AMCIT PROBLEMS

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1. REFTEL DOES NOT MENTION TRAVEL PROBLEMS OF AMCITS WISHING TO BRING THEIR FAMILIES TO LIBYA. HOWEVER, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE IN LIBYA HAVE HAD NO SERIOUS RE-ENTRY PROBLEM FOR OVER A MONTH. SITUATION FOR NEWLY-RECRUITED FAMILIES IS NOT SO CLEAR, PARTLY BECAUSE AT LEAST SOME OIL COMPANIES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY AVOIDING APPLICATIONS AT LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. ONE NON-OIL FAMILY RECEIVED CONTEMPORARY VISAS THERE RECENTLY, BUT WAS THIS AN EXCEPTION OR WHAT?

2. FOR THESE AND VARIETY OF OTHER REASONS, I HAVE INSTRUCTED CONSUL TO CONTINUE DELAY VISAS FOR DEPENDENTS OF NEW LIBYAN STUDENTS (THERE ARE NOW ABOUT SIX SUCH STUDENTS WITH ABOUT SEVENTEEN DEPENDENTS AMONG THEM) BUT TO TRY TO CLEAR UP HIS ALREADY DWINDLING BACKLOG OF OLD STUDENTS' DEPENDENTS' VISAS WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK. SEEMS TO ME THIS IS MORE APPROPRIATE THAN MAKING THE OTHER DISTINCTIONS MENTIONED REFTEL. AS IT HAPPENS, HOWEVER, IT TAKES CARE OF THE SPECIFIC CASES URGED UPON US BY REFTEL AND ALSO BY EX-FONMIN KIKHYA WHO CALLED ON US YESTERDAY RE VISAS FOR TWO
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RELATIVES' WIVES. FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, I REACHED A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT WITH HIM TO PRESS THE MFA

FOR THE DESIRED INSTRUCTIONS TO LIBYAN EMBASSY
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